

Editorial note: editorial guidance

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- notify the Editorial and Methods Department (emd@cochrane.org) with a link to the review or protocol, and
- notify David Hives at Wiley (dhives@wiley.com) with a link to the review or protocol. Following your notification, David will update the PubMed and/or PubMed central version(s) of the article to include the Editorial note.
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Editorial notes must be a single paragraph of text, with no lists, subheadings, figures or tables, as short as possible and no more than 200 characters in total. They can include links in the form of full URLs.

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Some examples:

There is a more recent Cochrane review on this topic: <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD00XXXX.pub2>

This review question is now being addressed according to a new protocol: <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD00XXXX>

See <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD00XXXX> for a more recent review that covers this topic.

Screenshot example:

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Nutritional labelling for healthier food or non-alcoholic drink purchasing and consumption

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This review question is now being addressed according to a new protocol, published 11 June 2021:

<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD014845>

For this review, the authors are narrowing the focus to energy labelling, as well as broadening the range of target products to include alcoholic drinks, reflecting recent policy interest in energy labelling on alcohol products.

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Suggested template text for Editorial notes to inform readers that a protocol will not be progressed to the review stage:

- This protocol will not be progressed to the review stage as it no longer meets Cochrane's methodological standards.
- This protocol will not be progressed to the review stage as there has been no progress with the review in XX months/years. New authors are being sought to take this topic forward.
- This protocol will not be progressed to a review because the topic is no longer considered a priority.
- To minimize research waste, this protocol will not be progressed to the review stage because we are aware of another good-quality review on this topic already in progress/published (provide reference if applicable).

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